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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, MNUC, NZ
SUBJECT: U.S.S. LONG BEACH VISIT TO AUCKLAND

REF: WELLINGTON 3574 (DTG 230431Z SEP 76)

1. AS CONSEQUENCE MY CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER MULDOON REPORTED REFTEL, MINISTER OF DEFENSE MCCREADY OBTAINED AGREEMENT OF AUCKLAND HARBOR BOARD TO SELECTION OF INNER HARBOR ANCHORAGE FOR LONG BEACH. HOWEVER, BOARD STIPULATED THAT ITS AGREEMENT DEPENDED UPON RECEIPT OF DIRECTIVE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO TAKE SUCH ACTION. I AM ASSURED BY MCCREADY THAT DIRECTIVE WILL BE ISSUED, AND THAT USG CAN PROCEED ON ASSUMPTION THAT MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ANCHORAGE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

2. WHILE THERE ARE SEVERAL TECHNICAL HURDLES THAT STILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED, I RECOMMEND THAT ALL CONCERNED PROCEED ON ASSUMPTION THAT LONG BEACH WILL VISIT AUCKLAND OCTOBER 1-5 AS PLANNED, AND WE WILL REPORT RECEIPT OF FORMAL GNZ APPROVAL

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OF DESIRED ANCHORAGE AS SOON AS IT IS PROVIDED.

3. PRIME MINISTER'S ACTION IN DIRECTING AUCKLAND HARBOR
BOARD TO PROVIDE SATISFACTORY ANCHORAGE FOR LONG BEACH IS
ADDITIONAL EXAMPLE OF EXTENT TO WHICH HE IS PREPARED TO GO TO
FURTHER CEMENT US-NZ RELATIONS.

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